



2015 Neighborhood Improvement Program Grant Application

(Deadline, Wednesday, February 4, 2015)

Neighborhood Group: Kensington Date: 1/30/15

Project Title: New benches and concrete pad replacement

Project Location: north playground

Amount requested: \$ 8500⁰⁰ Grant # 7

NIP Grants applied for or awarded in the last three years:

2012 - Applied for: Yes No Grant awarded? Yes No Amount Awarded? \$

2013 - Applied for: Yes No Grant awarded? Yes No Amount Awarded? \$ 9,000

2014 - Applied for: Yes No Grant awarded? Yes No Amount Awarded? \$

Is your neighborhood a voluntary neighborhood or a HOA Voluntary HOA

4. Identify the need or problem your neighborhood has recognized and is prepared to address.
(Value 0 to 4 points), based on, "how compelling is this need" - 0 not compelling, 1 somewhat compelling, 2-compelling, 3 very compelling, 4 extremely compelling.

Ten years ago a master plan was established for
the revitalization of Kensington park by city staff,
consultants and residents of Kensington neighborhood.

Part of the master plan was to replace existing playground
equipment at the north and south playground. The south
playground was completed late spring of 2014. The north playground
is slated to be completed by summer 2015. Two benches near the
pond are in desperate need of replacement and additional benches
near the new playground would be a tremendous asset to the
residents of Kensington and add to the value of the playground. Also
trash cans, bike racks and more trees are not included in playground plan.

5. How did you involve your neighborhood in identifying this need or problem?

(Value 0 to 4 points), based on, what level was the neighborhood involved in identifying this need or problem

- 0 not involved, 1 somewhat involved, 2- involved, 3 very involved, 4 extremely involved.

There have been several neighborhood meetings to discuss with residents what would be the most desirable elements for the new playground. One comment that has been addressed concerning the south playground is that more seating would be very beneficial. More shade is also a concern, hence the request for additional trees.

6. Describe how the project will provide a solution that is sustainable to the problem stated above.

(Value 0 to 4 points), based on, how will this provide a sustainable solution to the need or problem - 0 poor solution, not sustainable, 1 an OK solution, not very sustainable, 2- a good solution, sustainable, 3 very good solution, and sustainable 4 very good solution, and very sustainable.

The additional benches will provide a much more pleasant atmosphere for families to enjoy the new features of the playground. Also, new benches near the pond will be more inviting and comfortable. Additional trees will eventually provide much needed shade & beauty.

7. What is the contribution to this project from neighborhood (money/materials/labor)? (Value 0 to 6 points), based on, contribution from the neighborhood- 0 poor contribution, 1 an adequate contribution, 2 a good contribution, 3 very good contribution, 4 excellent contribution, 1 extra point for a non HOA neighborhood, an additional extra point for a non HOA neighborhood that has a contribution of 25% or greater.

Since the installation of equipment must be done by a contractor or city parks employees, the only contribution the residents can provide would be to dig the holes in preparation for the tree planting. This will require coordinating with city forestry concerning the correct time to plant trees.

8. The NIP Grant is funded by the Public Improvement Fund and must provide a clear public benefit. Describe how will this project benefit the public? (Value 0 to 6 points), based on, how will this provide a clear benefit to the public- 0-1 poor benefit, 2-3 an OK benefit, 4-5 a good benefit, 6-7 very good benefit, 8-10 excellent benefit.

The Kensington neighborhood has a large percentage of families with young children. That is why there is much excitement and relief that the north playground is finally going to be updated and improved. The new benches around the pond will attract residents and be a more comfortable place to enjoy the park. New benches and trees will provide not only an aesthetic element to the playground but a very useful purpose. The path that runs through the park connects to paths from all directions so any resident passing through will also have the opportunity to enjoy the area.

Kensington NIP Grant

Responses to City Letter dated December 2, 2014

Updated 1/23/15 after site visit with Charles Kamenides.

First Bullet - The cost for five benches is \$1,200.00 each including the pad. The cost in the application is incorrect, and will cost \$6,000.00 instead of \$3,500.00.

Response: The costs used in the application were obtained from Kathy Kron, City Project Manager in the Natural Resources Division for the Kensington North Playground Replacement Project. According to Kathy, a City standard bench costs approximately \$550 delivered and installed and costs provided in the application have been inflated from that to cover any incidentals. A concrete pad is being built as part of the Kensington North Playground Replacement Project which will accommodate one of the new benches near the playground. The other two benches near the playground will require new pads. After meeting on-site with Charles Kamenides, Kathy & Charles determined the concrete pads for the benches around the pond would also need to be replaced. Per these recommendations, the bench cost should be recalculated as follows:

- 1 New Bench near playground (which does not need a concrete pad) @ \$700 each = \$700
- 4 New Benches (which need concrete pads) 2 near playground & 2 at existing locations around pond @ \$1,200 each = \$4,800

2nd Bullet – Trash needs recycling or at least the pad large enough to be able to install a recycle container provided by sanitation.

Response: The pad for the trash container(s) are being installed as part of the Kensington North Playground Replacement Project and will be large enough to accommodate a trash and recycling container.

3rd Bullet – Two bike racks to be installed by whom? And who pays installation costs?

Response – The bike racks would be installed by a Contractor. The cost provided (\$400 each) includes delivery and installation.

4th Bullet – City crews will not install benches. We can contract them out for support or include in the revitalization construction. Benches, pads and paths to benches must meet the current ADA standards. Pathways to the benches by the pond do not exist. So that would need to be included. The benches and concrete cannot be replaced without the pathways.

Response – OK to contract bench & pad installation, the cost provided will cover delivery & installation. The existing pads are along the main path around the pond & the new concrete pad being installed can be leveled and provide the space needed for ADA compliance.

5th Bullet – Parks and Natural Resources would like to review a map of the proposed bench and bike rack placement prior to approval. Maintenance and renewal should be included under additional resources from the City.

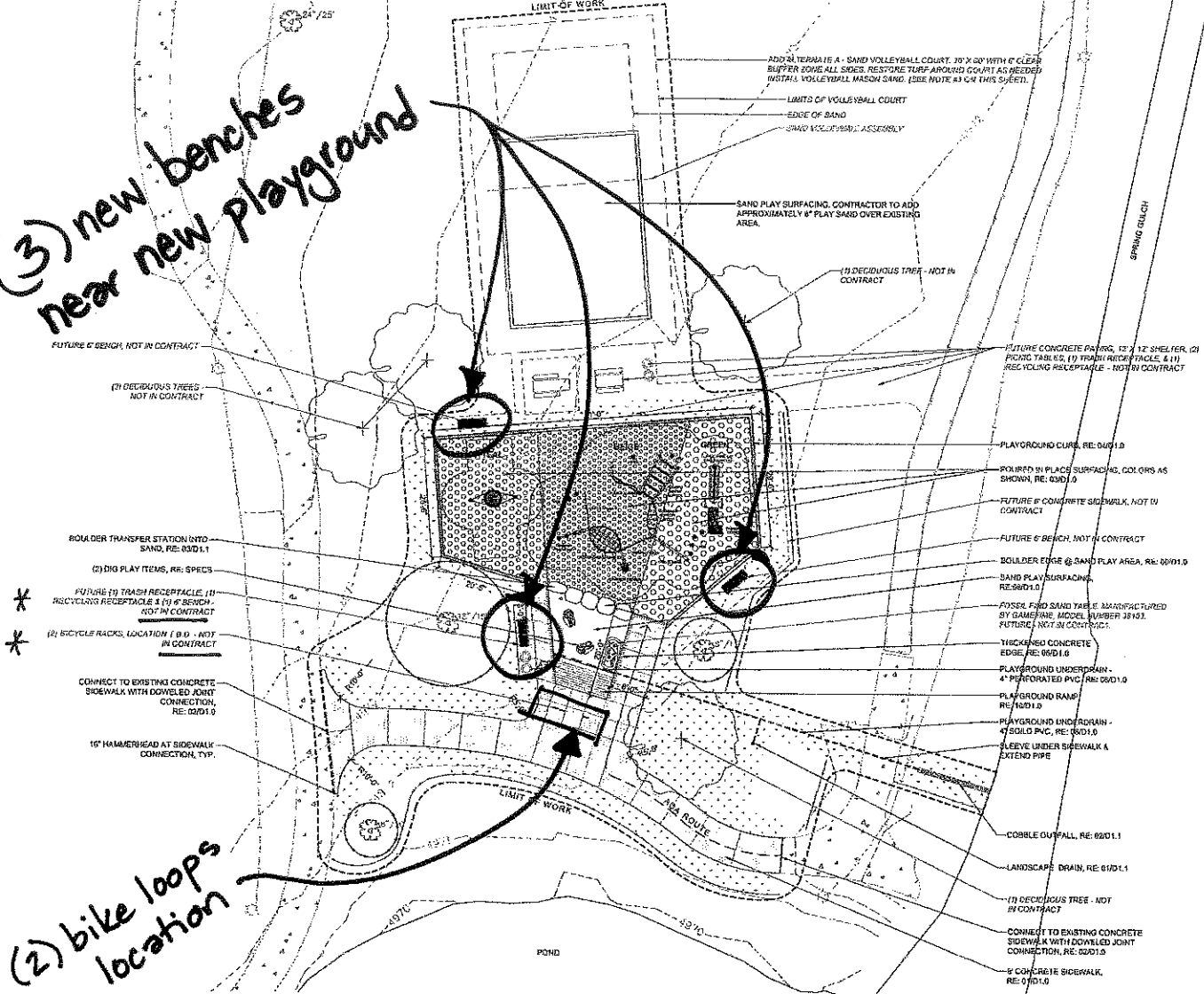
Response: Map(s) attached. Maintenance and renewal will be noted under additional resources from the City.

6th Bullet – For Kensington North playground, it would be more efficient and cost-effective to provide funding to Natural Resources Division to be incorporated into the playground renewal project.

Response: This was considered, however, the timing of the grant award does not coincide with the project construction schedule. The items included in the grant (trees, benches, bike racks & trash receptacle) benefit the project without delaying it.

(3) new benches
near new playground

(2) bike loops
location




NOTES:
1. THE PLAYGROUND FLOODWAY INFORMATION
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3. MORE INFORMATION COURT INCL. PROVIDED IF APPROVED.

LAYOUT & M

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- THICK
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- TRASH
- EXIST
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- TREE
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An aerial photograph of a coastal area, likely a beach or dune region. A large, dark, irregularly shaped area in the center is labeled 'MURDER MESS' and 'MURDER MESS'. A line with arrows points from the top left towards this area. The surrounding area is lighter and textured, possibly sand or dunes. There are some buildings or structures visible on the right side. The image is grainy and has a high-contrast, black-and-white appearance.

 FLOODWAY 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

NOTES:
1. THE PLAYGROUND IS LOCATED WITH
2. THE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION IS 4971



2015
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Budget



* Revised- Alternate

Neighborhood Group: Kensington Date: _____

Project Title: Bench and concrete pad replacement and additional benches

Project Budget

Materials/Vendors/Installation:

	Request	Match
<u>1 benches around playground</u> <u>1 x 700.00</u>	\$ <u>700.00</u>	\$ _____
<u>2 benches by pond, replacing concrete</u>		
<u>2 benches near playground w/ pad 4 x 1200.00</u>	\$ <u>4800.00</u>	\$ _____
<u>1 recycle + 1 trash can + 2 bike racks</u> <u>2000.00</u>		
<u>4 trees</u> <u>4 x 250.00</u>	\$ <u>1000</u>	\$ <u>600</u>

Services:

_____ hours @ \$ _____ /hour =	\$ _____	\$ _____

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City Staff Time needed as determined by FW&NR		
_____ hours @ \$ _____ /hour =	\$ _____	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ 8500.00 \$ 600

TOTAL PROJECT COST INCLUDING MATCH \$ 9100.00

PERCENT OF TOTAL (Match/Request) 93 % 7 %

Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs: incorporated into regular park maint.

Project Cost Estimate Developed by: _____

(Project approval/City staff sign off, and renewal costs to be calculated by City Staff)



2015

Neighborhood Improvement Program Project Intent



Neighborhood Group: Kensington Date: 9/24/14 SEP24 4:29P

Due date: PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY 5:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

Project Title: Bench replacement + additional benches

Project Location: North end of park and new playground.

Amount requested: \$100 - \$500

Project Description: There are two benches on the perimeter of the pond that are in desperate need of replacement. They are made of wood, the sealant is chipping and there is no backrest on either bench. Also the concrete pad they are attached to is old and cracked and still has stubs of wood that were part of a shelter that was removed many years ago (see attached photos). We would also like to request three additional benches to be placed around the new playground.

Will this project impact, or is any part of it in City parks and/or right-of-way (ROW)? Yes ☒ No ☐ * see attached layout of new playground.
If yes, provide a description of impact and/or placement in City parks or ROW. Please attach a map.

- If no, attach a map showing the location on private property.

City staff would be needed to install benches and schedule installation of new concrete pads, by hired contractor. Forestry would be involved in planting trees.

Is electricity needed? Yes ☐ No ☒

- If yes describe the electrical components of this project

Is this an irrigation project? Yes ☐ No ☒

A grant requesting any improvements to an irrigation system must have an independent water audit and include audit with the Project Intent. The audit must define a need for conservation and a strategy for how this grant will meet that conservation need.

1. Independent water audit attached? Yes ☐ No ☐ (grant request will not be considered without audit)
2. What is the desired conservation outcome and where is that identified in the audit?
3. How will this project meet those conservation needs?
4. NIP grants cannot be used for maintenance, explain why this is new infrastructure and not maintenance to an existing system.

Are permits needed for this project? Yes ☐ No ☒

- Describe what permits are needed for this project

Are any other City resources needed? Yes ☐ No ☐

- Describe what additional resources may be needed from the City to complete this grant

Parks forestry and Parks operation to coordinate bench+concrete pad replacement and install. Also the planting of 2 trees.

Describe the ongoing maintenance that this project requires and provide the plan to support that maintenance. Provide names and addresses of maintenance contacts (attach additional pages if necessary)

Install would be incorporated into regular park maintenance.



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COMMUNITY SERVICES
COURTESY & NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
CITY OF LONGMONT
4:01PM

* Revised- Alternate

Neighborhood Group: Kensington Date: 10/17/14

Project Title: Bench and concrete pad replacement and additional benches

Project Budget

Materials/Vendors/Installation:

	Request	Match
<u>3 benches around playground</u> <u>3 x 700.00</u>	<u>\$ 2100</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>2 benches by pond, replacing concrete</u> <u>2 x 1000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2000</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>1 trash can 2 bike racks</u> <u>1400</u>	<u>1400</u>	
<u>4 trees</u> <u>4 x 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 1000</u>	<u>\$ 600</u>

Services:

 hours @ \$ /hour = \$ \$

 hours @ \$ /hour = \$ \$

City Staff Time needed as determined by PW&NR

 hours @ \$ /hour = \$ \$

TOTAL \$ 6500 \$ 600

TOTAL PROJECT COST INCLUDING MATCH \$ 7100

PERCENT OF TOTAL (Match/Request) 91.5 % 8.5 %

Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs: incorporated into regular park maint.

Project Cost Estimate Developed by:

(Project approval/City staff sign off, and renewal costs to be calculated by City Staff)



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Budget * Revised



Neighborhood Group: Kensington Date: 10/17/17 4:01PM

Project Title: Bench replacement and additional benches

Project Budget

Materials/Vendors/Installation:

5 benches (not replacing concrete pads)
5 x 700.00

Request

\$ 3500

Match

\$ _____

1 trash can and 1 bike rack

\$ 1000

\$ _____

4 trees 4 x 250.00

\$ 1000

\$ 600

Services:

_____ hours @ \$ _____ /hour =

\$ _____

\$ _____

_____ hours @ \$ _____ /hour =

\$ _____

\$ _____

City Staff Time needed as determined by PW&NR

_____ hours @ \$ _____ /hour =

\$ _____

\$ _____

TOTAL

\$ 5500

\$ 600

TOTAL PROJECT COST INCLUDING MATCH

\$ 6100

PERCENT OF TOTAL (Match/Request)

90 % 10 %

Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs: incorporated into regular park maint.

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I just spoke with Ken Wicklund, the City Forester. For the trees he'd recommend for this site (size & species), the tree cost will be approx. \$250 per tree. He also gave me a labor cost of \$150 per tree which represents the cost value of having residents dig the hole, plant the tree, water, mulch, etc. Forestry will still assist in ordering the trees, getting them delivered to the site, bringing the mulch and water to the site, etc.

Trash Cans Cost \$500 plus \$100 to deliver/install = \$600 each. I would recommend 1 trash can & 1 recycling.

Bike Loops Cost Approx. \$400 each delivered and installed. I would recommend 2 bike loops.

Hope this helps!

Thanks!

Kathy Kron

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plant
trees close
to this
bench for
shade





, below is some information to answer some of your questions. Let me know what else you need, I'm happy to help.

- A standard bench costs \$600-\$800 each.
- A standard bench that needs a concrete pad would cost approx. \$1,000.
- We would have a contractor pour the concrete pad if one is needed, however, the parks crew would install the bench.
- Covered benches are a great idea, but the shelters for them are very pricey. Planting trees next to the benches is another option.
- We have one bench planned near the new playground, but could add another if desired.
- There are plans in the Kensington Master Plan for a shelter near the new playground, however, the City doesn't currently have funding for it. It's estimated at \$24,000 for the shelter alone. Additional costs would include the concrete pad & picnic tables as well so I think it's out of range for the grant.
- The mini shelter at the south playground was \$16,000 (not including the concrete pad & picnic table).
- I don't think installing benches and concrete is something that residents can assist with. Planting trees is the only thing I can think of that would get the neighborhood involved.

Lastly, if you need specifics about City time and resources, let me know and I can work with Parks Operations to provide an estimate once you decide what route you'd like to go. We could also get together and meet next week with Charles Kamenides to finalize things if needed.

Hope this helps. Have a great weekend!

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Attached is a very preliminary version of the new playground plan which shows the bench location south of the playground. The concrete will be installed as part of the playground project, but we don't have funding for the bench, trash can and bike racks.

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